

M'AGGART READY FOR THE BLACK PANTHOES. WHITNEY'S JOCKEY

RODNEY STAR WILL RIDE HERE IN SPRING

Woman Sportsman Expected to Sign Him for the Entire Season.

NEW YEARLING WONDER

Mrs. Whitney's Stable Uncovers Speed Fizzle—Barnes Signs With Fitzsimmons.

By HENRY V. KING.

Johnny McTaggart will return to the metropolitan circuit next season. The little veteran jockey will probably ride the big string of fast racers belonging to Mrs. Payne Whitney. The noted sportsman and his trainer, Scott Harlan, like the way Johnny rode at the last Maryland meetings and began negotiations for his services.

For several years Johnny McTaggart was one of the leading jockeys in the country. In 1918 he received a bad fall and shortly afterward became the daddy of a little girl. They his nerve began to fail him and he became one of the most timid riders in the country. Time and again he lost races because he was afraid to take a chance of getting hurt.

Because of his unquestioned honesty McTaggart received many mounts regardless of his slump and finally decided that a vacation would restore his courage. He went to Atlantic City and remained away from the tracks for two months. On his return his riding was no better and horsemen gave him little to do.

Johnny Invades Canada.

"I've got a family to support," Johnny said one day, "and I'm going to Canada, where I can get a job. The next day he was missing. In the Dominion he had varied success. He kept on trying and won many races, but he was always keen to come back to the big circuit.

Last winter McTaggart was in New York for a while and expressed the belief that he would soon get a chance to show the New York racing public that he had lost none of his skill and that he had as much courage as any jockey, but he was doomed to disappointment. No stable wanted him and last season found him out of the country. The New York racers paid much attention to his record across the border. In their opinions only poor riders are employed there.

At the Northern tracks closed McTaggart landed in Maryland. There he was matched against the best jockeys in the country. At Laurel and Pimlico he did fairly well on bad horses. At Bowie he received some good mounts and didn't make a mistake. He always landed the best horse home in front and on several occasions he scored with an inferior horse. His riding attracted attention and his services were in demand. Horsemen who refused him mounts went in quest of him. He was the star of the meeting. So well did he ride that racers as well as horsemen were heard to say that "Johnny McTaggart has his nerve back." Scott Harlan gave him several mounts at Bowie and he guided them faultlessly. As a result he probably will wear Mrs. Whitney's silks all next season.

Has Been Riding Eight Years.

Johnny is 24 years old and has been riding since he was 16. In those early years his name was never mentioned in connection with any kind of a scandal. He was never in trouble with the Jockey Club and his honesty was never questioned by either racers, horsemen or sportsmen. He was a model lad. His habits were exemplary, and his associates were either the stable lads or business men of good reputation.

If McTaggart retains the form he displayed at Bowie he is probably sure to be among the topnotch jockeys of 1923. Mrs. Whitney has a string of thoroughbreds which won nearly \$100,000 last season, and her stock proved to be even better next year. Besides the noted horses which won for her last year she has several high class yearlings. Among them is a colt by Omar Khayyam out of Mary Maud which is probably will be developed into a great rider in 1923. Fitz tried him at Maryland and found his work very satisfactory. "He is an excellent post rider," said Fitz, "but he is not finished. He has several things to learn, but I believe he will succeed. He is a hard worker." Last season he was employed by E. R. Bradley. At New Orleans he rode four winners in a row.

With Fitz Barnes will receive many mounts on good horses. There are twenty-three horses in the Quinby barn and Fitz says every one of them will win if he remains sound. Those in the stable are Blumont, Cavent, Empress, Relay, Ray Jay, Captain Alton, Sunny Jim, Playfellow, Yankee Star, Alton, Carol, Frater, and Portage. The winners, Elmer, The Senior, The Gregorian, Dager, three-year-old which never started and seven high priced yearlings by Omar Khayyam, The Blumont, Flawless, and Ambrosio. One of the youngsters is Omar Khayyam, out of Network, is a half brother to Crochet, Paddy Whack and Ambrosio. He cost \$10,000, but Fitz said he wouldn't sell him for twice that sum now.

Harvard Team Honored

at Big Football Banquet

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

Boston, Dec. 19.—The banquet hall at the Harvard Club was thronged to-night with graduates who gathered to honor the variety football team, which beat Yale in the Bowl last fall. Gold footballs were awarded to the players and to the coaches, and speeches which were enthusiastically received were made by Dean Briggs of Harvard, Percy Houghton, Coach Bob Fisher, Capt. Buell and Capt. Robert Hubbard. Houghton said that this year's game between Harvard and Yale reflected the splendid coaching methods of Bob Fisher and J. D. Jones.

Perkins for Oldham.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 19.—Branch Rickey of the St. Louis Nationals today announced that a deal was under way whereby Pitcher Bill Perkins of the Cardinals would go to Detroit in exchange for Pitcher Oldham should all American League clubs waive on the latter.

Chapman Beats Beecher.

Boston, Dec. 19.—Red Chapman, Boston featherweight, was awarded the decision over Charley Beecher of New York after a hotly contested ten round bout here to-night.

McCoy Guides Him Home in Front of Small Field in Feature Event.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 19.—Fantoche, ridden by McCoy, proved stoutest of the five left after seventy-two hours in the entries to contest the mile and a sixteenth feature Belle Chasse purse at Jefferson Park to-day. Copper Demon was second and Hornum, a double third.

Racing was conducted under difficulties. Efforts to harrow the track were abandoned on Monday immediately after the rain and toilers were forced to wait until the track was dry.

These provided a path of eight feet width from the inner rail, and only those who were fortunate enough to gain this territory early in the race made any headway in the accounting in the six races. Golden Floss was the only favorite of the day to register over it. The results:

FIRST RACE—For maiden two-year-olds; purse \$700; six furlongs; Gail Ford, 1st; Blue Bird, 2d; 1st, 1:12.5; 2d, 1:13.5; 3d, 1:14.5.

SECOND RACE—For three-year-olds and upward; claiming; purse \$700; six furlongs; Golden Floss, 1st; 1:12.5; 2d, 1:13.5; 3d, 1:14.5.

THIRD RACE—For three-year-olds and upward; claiming; purse \$700; six furlongs; Golden Floss, 1st; 1:12.5; 2d, 1:13.5; 3d, 1:14.5.

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FIFTH RACE—For three-year-olds and upward; claiming; purse \$700; six furlongs; Golden Floss, 1st; 1:12.5; 2d, 1:13.5; 3d, 1:14.5.

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